

The Chairperson informed those present this evening that, annually, the schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) participate in the OSEntreprendre Challenge, which is a province-wide contest that supports entrepreneurial development by highlighting students who carry out entrepreneurial initiatives.

At the April 29, 2022, meeting of Council, it was noted that 21 Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools participated in this year's challenge. The winners at the local level in the Laurentides and Lanaudière regions were recognized at this meeting. This evening, the Council is proud to recognize the following winners from Laval of the OSEntreprendre Challenge:

- Twin Oaks Elementary School (TOES)
 - The project *Seeds of Love* won at the regional level in the Elementary Cycle 2 category;
 - The project will also be a part of the provincial challenge;
 - Karen Stoddart, Teacher, and her Earth Rangers have worked on various projects over the years to promote pollinators and the importance of them being a part of the environment. The *Seeds of Love* project involved spreading seeds around the school and surrounding area in order to attract pollinators and strengthen them as they will help improve fruit trees, produce gardens and flowers;
 - This project promoted teamwork, creativity, researching, planning, marketing, etc. all while fostering respect for the environment.

The Principal of TOES noted that Ms. Stoddart and the Earth Rangers are doing great work and that they have been recognized on many levels for their efforts to sensitize students to the environment.

- Laval Senior Academy (LSA)
 - The project LSA Work Study Market Place won at the regional level in the Secondary Special Education category;
 - Like the TOES project, the LSA project will also be a part of the provincial challenge;
 - Katrina Driver, Project Development Officer, and Shaunna C. Kerr and Kosta Tomazos, both Resource Teachers, worked with the students on this school-based, student-run enterprise;
 - The students make custom products that they sell to the school community, such as cutting boards and signs made out of repurposed school desks, personalized tote bags, aprons, T-shirts, etc.;
 - Ordering merchandise can be done via Instagram and e-mail;
 - The students are responsible for budgeting, quality control, managing inventory and keeping track of sales;
 - This project has allowed for the development of entrepreneurial skills in a hands-on environment.

The Resource Teachers noted that this project came together when it became necessary to have in-house stages.

The Chairperson congratulated the teams from TOES and LSA noting that if any school or centre has something they are celebrating, the Commissioners would like to know and would be glad to attend.

The Principal of LSA commented that this project started out as a small idea and has become a big giving-back-to-the-community initiative that has grown throughout the school year. The elementary schools are even ordering items. The students are seeing the results of their labour and this is very helpful to them because there are times when they do not thoroughly understand why they need to see a project through to the end and this initiative has helped enormously.

The Resource Teachers provided background information on the project:

- The students began the project by following local businesses on Instagram;
- They researched designs online then used the Cricut to produce them as an iron-on;
- They created their own Instagram page to advertise their wares;
- They made cake toppers and sold them to local businesses;
- Tools were found in an old science lab at the school that were not being used and the students have put them to use when repurposing old desks, chairs and benches;
- The items created by students have become very popular and sometimes it is hard to keep up with the orders;
- There is a lot of math involved in the projects.

Approval of Minutes
May 18, 2022

Commissioner Olivia Landry MOVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on May 18, 2022, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written and exempt from public reading by the Secretary General.

The Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department explained the parameters of the two question periods and drew attention to where people online can type in their questions for the second question period. There were no questions for the first question period.

She noted that the second question period is for questions related to agenda items only.

- May 18 – Attended an assembly at Grenville Elementary School with Vice-Chairperson Adam Gordon, Commissioner Donna Anber, the Assistant Director General, the Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services, the Coordinator of Communications and dignitaries from World Vision to see the school honoured for its fundraising efforts for the war in Ukraine.

The Chairperson noted that he was unable to attend the Lieutenant Governor's Medal Ceremony due to a personal matter, and extended his congratulations to Ms. Braney and Mr. Royston.

There was no business arising.

Microsoft Licences
2022-2023

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-210526-IT-0124, authorizing the participation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in the contract to be awarded by the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales to the licence reseller Softchoice for a period of thirty-six (36) months;

WHEREAS the estimated amount of the Microsoft licences for 2022-2023 is \$212,503.10, before taxes;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Administration, the Council of Commissioners approve the payment of the invoice to be received for the 2022-2023 Microsoft Corporation licence fees received from Softchoice for an amount of \$212,503.10, before taxes, or \$227,124.93, net taxes;

AND THAT, should the invoice exceed \$212,503.10, the Director General or, in their absence, the Assistant Director General be authorized to approve an additional 10% of said amount;

FURTHERMORE, the Council of Commissioners be authorized to approve the payment of the invoice to be received for the 2022-2023 Microsoft Corporation licence fees received from Softchoice for an amount of \$212,503.10, before taxes, or \$227,124.93, net taxes;

Parent Commissioner Adam Gordon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the conclusion of a ten-year leasing agreement for a Ford Transit F-250 at a total cost of \$129,618.00, before taxes, or \$138,544.47, net taxes;

AND THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign any documentation concerning this leasing agreement.

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Lease Agreement

WHEREAS additional space is required to alleviate overcrowding at Laurentia Elementary School;

*691, rue Saint-Georges,
Saint-Jérôme*

WHEREAS a building adjacent to Laurentia Elementary School located at 691 Saint-Georges Street in Saint-Jérôme is available for rent;

WHEREAS parts of the premises may be converted to be used as classrooms;

WHEREAS the Material Resources and Transportation Department wishes to conduct a feasibility study with regard to this potential use of premises;

WHEREAS the parties are currently negotiating a lease agreement which would allow the school board to conduct such a study before August 1, 2022, and terminate the lease agreement within this timeframe, if needed;

WHEREAS the proposed lease is for five (5) years and three (3) months detailed as follows: three (3) month initial period, four (4) year lease and an additional optional year, if needed;

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WHEREAS the proposed lease is for five (5) years and three (3) months detailed as follows: three (3) month initial period, four (4) year lease and an additional optional year, if needed;

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Council of Commissioners authorize the conclusion of a lease agreement with 9405-5787 Québec Inc. at the following monthly cost:

- \$2,500 plus taxes for the initial three (3) month period;
- \$4,000 plus taxes for the first year of the lease and a 4% increase per year for the following four (4) years.

AND THAT such agreement contain a clause allowing the school board to end the lease agreement should the premises not be suitable for their intended use;

FURTHER THAT the Director General be authorized to sign all documentation regarding this lease agreement.

Amendment to Expense
Reimbursement Policy

WHEREAS Annex 1 of policy n° 1999-FR-01: *Expense Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* is subject to an annual review;

WHEREAS the rates in Annex 1 no longer reflect the current increases in the cost of living;

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to Annex 1 of policy n° 1999-FR-01: *Expense Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*, with regard to the specific rates mentioned below:

Meals

Breakfast	\$15.00
Lunch	\$20.00
Supper	\$33.00
Maximum per day	

The Vice-Chairperson recused himself due to a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

Employee File

WHEREAS the Assistant Director of Human Resources has presented to the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board a proposed agreement with regard to a confidential employee file (no. 000011181);

WHEREAS the Council wishes to approve the signature of said agreement;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Director General to sign the agreement as presented to the Council of Commissioners with regard to the above-mentioned employee file.

The Vice-Chairperson returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Vincent Cammisano encouraged everyone to attend the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation's Laurier Gala & Start Fest tomorrow evening and the Lobster Gala on June 9, 2022; both are being held at the Château Royal in Laval.

The report is in the meeting package.

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson informed the Council that SEAC and the Parents' Committee are co-hosting an Anti-bullying Conference with Alain Pelletier on May 31, 2022, at Laurentia Elementary School.

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There was no report.

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The Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department reminded everyone that this question period is for questions related to the agenda items of this meeting and drew attention to where people online can type in their questions.

